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Title:	Fishing Sinker	Group Art Unit: 3643

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 23, 2004, for which reconsideration is respectfully requested, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.